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The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

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EDITORIAL

THE larger part of this editorial is devoted to certain interesting features of the recent meetings of the Religious Education Association at Cleveland, but there is one matter that just now should be brought to the attention of the readers of WORD AND WORK, for upon it depends the success of all our efforts along the lines of missionary endeavor. We refer to the fact that our books are closed on April 30th, after which there can be no opportunity to improve the records of our churches, nor that of the American Unitarian Association for 1912-13. At the present moment the contributions from the churches are practically the same as they were at the same period a year ago; but in consulting with the bookkeeper she sighed audibly when she revealed the fact that "the bulk of the contributions arrive in April."

It is, of course, better so than to make no contribution whatever, and thus to lose for two years the right of representation at the annual meeting. It is better to make the largest contribution in the history of a given church in April, than not to make any contribution at all; and so, even our Treasurer and his assistant will gladly encounter the perils of the midnight oil rather than not make a better showing this year than last.

THE writer recently attended an annual banquet of a Unitarian church forty miles from Boston, and among the after-dinner speeches was one upon Church Loyalty, by a man who was a Baptist. Professionally, he was associated with the Courts of the Commonwealth and was accustomed to hear language and use language which aimed to be forcible rather than elegant. He had listened to the collector of the parish and had seen a copy of the leaflet which had been sent out soliciting funds to carry on the church. He referred, in the course of his remarks, to this leaflet, and declared that it was the barometer of church loyalty. The members might recite with pride the traditions of their parish, they might glory in the good and great names which had been associated with their pulpit and their pews, they might boast of their beliefs and of the spiritualizing and uplifting influence of churches in general; but their words were little better than mere froth and vanity if their names were not down on those slips of paper against sums of money that bore a decent relation to the incomes they received. Then, raising one arm as if to strike somebody, he exclaimed (Baptist though he was), "What in thunder is the use of your saying you cannot contribute more money to your

church when everybody knows you can?"

THE officers of the American Unitarian Association witness many comedies in the course of their peregrinations. All kinds of sensations, at times, contract and expand their ganglionic centers as they come in contact with certain unaccountable conditions and situations. It is not infrequently that they meet church committees and congregations and hear lugubrious accounts of financial weakness, of deficits, and inability to make much of a showing when it comes to raising money for the general cause. Sometimes these depressing conditions are exhibited by churches assisted by the American Unitarian Association and sometimes by churches that manage to get along without assistance.

Before long all the sympathies of the Association officer are straining at his heartstrings. He begins to feel ashamed to ask the church in question for any contribution at all. It seems too much like stealing pennies from a child. On some occasions he is hardly able to set forth the enterprises of the Association in all their glory, for he shrinks from saying anything which shall cause these poor people to rob themselves of the ordinary means of subsistence.

Then, after the meeting, he is sometimes taken around the town to see the sights. He is transported in a beautiful car belonging to a member of the church. In the enthusiasm and pride of his guide he is shown business blocks belonging to a leading member of the church, he is taken into their homes and shown rugs on the floor bought in Paris, because there are none so good and beautiful in America—and all sorts of visible evidences of ample means, if not of excessive wealth,—and yet, "this church has such a hard time to raise the salary of the minister ($1,200), and of the choir ($500), that it cannot send much ($25) to headquarters."

The writer is not romancing when he writes these things. Every officer of the American Unitarian Association has had this experience again and again. And while these views are expressed in no spirit of resentment there is not only a comedy implied—there is a solemn, heart-breaking tragedy involved wherever men and women are so blind to the sources from which proceed the issues of political, commercial, social and religious life that they can foster complacently such conditions.

AMONG the impressions received by Rev. William I. Lawrance, Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, from the great meetings of the Religious Education Association at Cleveland, was that of the unity of purpose which characterized the deliberations of the conference, and overcame all considerations of sectional or denominational difference. Mr. Lawrance writes as follows:

WHAT people holding widely different views can join in worship, on condition that such worship be truly spiritual, is a familiar and a reassuring fact.

"The same is true of service: differences tend to disappear in the presence of a great task. This was illustrated at the recent meeting of the Religious Education Association, at Cleveland, where, as in previous gatherings of the same body, church lines were forgotten. Orthodox and liberals, Christians, Jews and Ethical

Culturists studied and prayed over a common problem, the right guidance of developing lives.

"One especially interesting gathering at the Cleveland meeting was that of the persons officially charged with the interests of religious education in the various denominations. Thirty clergymen, representing twelve sects, came together with the avowed purpose of learning from each other the best methods of doing their work. Each in turn was called upon to tell what is being done in the various fields. Many of the churches have undertaken this work within a year, and practically all within three years. But all were so eager to know the best methods and so humbled before the greatness of the task that every suggestion was gladly received, quite regardless of credal differences. No report was heard with greater interest than that of the Unitarian representative, unless it was that of the learned Rabbi who told of methods in use in Jewish schools. Why is not the call to educate a whole generation for life a challenge large enough to unite all factions? What creeds and theological conferences may never do might be accomplished by a common task. And surely this—the right guidance of the young—is a task large enough to form a platform on which all could stand."

IN view of these considerations let us all apply a lesson to our conduct. The majority of those who attended the Religious Education Association were trained educators, or were, at least, familiar with the great blunders of the past and the desired ends to be accomplished. They were there, not merely for an opportunity to talk aimlessly for the sake of talking. They were not there to discover crotchets over which they might exhibit their own powers of disputation. They attended the Conference that they might carry back to their manifold fields of interest definite and practical methods of activity. They came to state, and to hear others state, the specific problems that confronted them. They came that they might, in the future, avoid the lamentable mistakes that have been perpetrated in the name of religion, and to get a new grip upon the all-inclusive fundamentals of religious education.

MAY we not, as the members of Unitarian churches and conferences, learn a salutary lesson from the Cleveland Conference? We, too, have a great task that belongs peculiarly to us. Would we not gain better results if we came together, less in the spirit of our differences and our petty prejudices, and more in the consciousness of a great work to do? Would not this consciousness tend to minimize the things that separate us and inspire us to greater achievement? How often, at our conferences, do we spend priceless moments listening to prolonged "talks" upon irrelevant subjects, to discussions of questions over which we are not authorized to take action, and to futile disputations that involve no results save the personal exhibition of the speakers? So obsessed are the minds of some with the privileges of free speech that they claim the right to talk about intensive farming at an Automobile Show, about bridge building at a meeting of pansy growers, and Woman's Suffrage at a Convention of Astronomers. Let us learn to state clearly the objects that bring us together and then let us form the best possible habits of applying ourselves to the solution of definite problems and the achievement of specific results.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

The following quotations are taken from interesting letters recently received at headquarters. It is our belief that all readers of WORD AND WORK will have a sympathetic interest in the experience of those who are finding their way from the uncertainties of religious conviction and belief into the light of larger views.

"Your cheery circular containing a greeting to the Associate Members of the American Unitarian Association reached me promptly some two months ago. Pray pardon my delay in responding to it. The thought of being a member of the American Unitarian Association is still a source of pride and pleasure to me. I feel I am in good congenial company. Although there are only slight prospects of converting any people in my neighborhood to my newly adopted faith, I always aim when opportunity arises to stand up for Unitarianism, and strive to propound our faith to friends and acquaintances. I enclose $2.

"It affords me much pleasure and interest to read your 'Secretary's Notes' in the *Register,* which a friend from Worcester sends me regularly. Your experiences seem very encouraging for the Unitarian cause."

A. A.

"You will find enclosed post office money order for the sum of $1 to assist in propagating the principles of Unitarianism. My husband and I are both Unitarians, although we never attended that church, there being none available. The literature that you have sent us has fortified our convictions, brightened our lives, and annihilated fear in the religious sense. In our humble way we are communicating to others the religion that carries sunshine to the heart. We shall be thankful for any literature that you may send us."

F. C. L.

"As an Associate Member of the American Unitarian Association I am much interested in your propaganda, and am glad to receive your publications from time to time, especially WORD AND WORK. Dr. ———'s little chapel is twenty miles away, and on rare occasions we are permitted to worship there. I fondly hope that soon my wife and I may become active members of his congregation. This has been a busy year on the farm, but we have enjoyed many blessings.

"Accept our hearty greetings with best wishes for all things good. I enclose mite to be used where most needed in your work."

J. E. R.

"I noticed in the *Woman's World* of Chicago your advertisement for Unitarianism. Please send your free literature on that subject, as I am much interested. I believe God will have his way with his children either in this life or the next. I read that Jesus never lost a battle with Satan, and yet in the Garden of Eden, and with Cain and Abel, Satan took those two tricks. If one-half, or nine-tenths, or three-quarters of the children of men are to be lost or to burn forever, then the atonement would be a great failure. I have been active in the M. E. church for forty-five years, and want to know what you have to say. To be a strong man in any cause one must believe good and strong; and to believe a little in Methodism, and a little in Christian Science, and a little in Universalism, does not make a strong man for anything."

R. F. Y.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. H. G. Arnold was installed minister of the church in West Roxbury on March 16th. Rev. H. C. Ives has resigned at Summit, N. J., to take effect in the fall. Rev. H. L. Buzzell has resigned at Barre, Mass., to accept a call to Northfield, Mass. Rev. F. A. Hinckley will supply the pulpit at Wilmington, Del., until June, 1914. Rev. F. L. Phalen has resigned at Fairhaven, Mass., to take effect May 1st. Rev. Felix Taylor has resigned at Hamilton, Ont. Rev. F. M. Bennett has been elected Field Agent in the Middle States Conference and will take up his work September 1st. Mr. E. B. Backus, now traveling abroad as a Cruft Fellow of the Meadville Theological School, has accepted a call to Lawrence, Kan. Rev. J. H. Crooker has relinquished the charge of the work at Redlands, Cal., and his place has been taken by Rev. D. Kirkpatrick.

The members of the Association will be sorry to hear that the President, Dr. Eliot, is now in the Chester Hospital in Cambridge, after an operation for gall stones. It will be several weeks before he will be able to resume his work.

Contributions

During the month ending on Easter Sunday twenty-five societies completed their contributions for the national work, maintaining a very steady level of giving. With one exception, the gains were all among the larger givers and the losses were among the smaller contributors, so that the net result was on the right side. The record lent some additional evidence to the existence of a tendency which is said to be characteristic of all the Protestant bodies of America. It is often held that, in these days, the strong churches tend to grow stronger and that the weak churches tend to grow weaker. Allowing for certain special conditions in individual churches, the annual gifts to the Association make a rough but pretty fair test of the vitality of the Unitarian churches. This test appears as a rule to verify the tendency alluded to. In this month's list of contributions substantial gains are made in the gifts of such reliable and generous supporters as the First Church, Providence, R. I.; the First, Cambridge; Chestnut Hill, Mass.; Germantown, Pa., and Keene, N. H. The most praiseworthy gain is in the gift of the little church in Richmond, Va., which maintains a high standard for so small a society. The discouraging feature of the month is that so many societies much stronger in numbers and in wealth than the little mission church in Richmond failed to give as much to the national work. Doubtless some of these societies raise more for their local expenses than the Richmond society, but surely the test of spiritual vitality is in giving for others more than in spending on one's self. The officers of the Association, however, have no desire to reproach anyone. They are grateful for the help given to the work they have been commissioned to conduct, and they try not to think too much of the help withheld. It is during the month of April that the majority of the churches make

their contributions. Let all do their best and the work will go forward efficiently and happily.

The Bulletins

Department of Religious Education

Two of the promised bulletins of this Department are ready for distribution. No. 1 is by the Secretary, Rev. William I. Lawrance, on the subject "Organizing the Sunday School for More Efficient Instruction." It gives counsel in the important matter of definitely organizing a school on the side of its educational work. All the suggestions related to our own publications show how to use either the completely graded system which the Beacon Series offers, or the partially graded work which may obtain by the use of the One-Topic, Three-Grade lessons. The right use of this pamphlet will undoubtedly assist schools which have been employing a partially graded course of study to further develop their work, so that suitable lessons and methods of instruction may be used during each year of the life of the child in its Sunday School.

The second bulletin is named "Religious Education in the New World View," and is written by Dr. Starbuck. It presents four growing world conceptions which are taking possession of human thought and life, and are now being incorporated into the methods and ideals of religious education. They are "The Developmental Idea of the World Order," "The Worth of Childhood," "The Worth of the Individual," and "The Recognition of Society as an Organism." The part which our liberal churches are taking in the opportunity which this change in thought presents is happily pointed out in the introductory pages.

Both these pamphlets are for free distribution, and may be obtained in any quantities desired on application to this Department.

A New Service for Association Day

Because of the fact that Easter occurs this year in March the observance of Association Day in our Sunday Schools may more properly occur in April. The date suggested is April 6, and a large number of our schools have decided to observe the day and to use the new program which is this year provided. The order for the Service of Loyalty is arranged with instructions for the Superintendent, and is designed to be used only by those in charge of the conduct of the school. The pupils will have in hand for the service their accustomed Service Book, whatever it may be, and a leaflet which contains a school pledge and prayer. These, which it is hoped the children will memorize, have been so constructed that they are suitable for use not only on this special day, but at any time in the opening service of the school. Selections for the hymns to be sung by the children have been made from the four leading books in use in our Sunday Schools, and three or four numbers have been given under each heading in order that each school may be sure of finding one number suggested which is familiar to the pupils. The object of the service is not alone or chiefly that the children may make an offering to our cause, but that they may understand something of the extent of our national work.

The R. E. A. in Retrospect

It was good to be at Cleveland, to hear the fine addresses, to meet the workers in the field of Religious Education from every part of the Country.

As an introduction to the regular sessions, Mr. Simons, as did other ministers in other churches, arranged to have the subject of religious education presented from his pulpit on Sunday. The faculty of this department were the speakers, Mr. Lawrance and Miss Buck at the morning service, and Dr. Starbuck in the evening. The audience of three hundred at the morning service listened to the address by Mr. Lawrance descriptive of our work, and welcomed Miss Buck to her former pulpit. In the evening the large attendance at a special service to hear Dr. Starbuck on "The Worth of the Child" gave evidence, both of interest in the speaker and the theme, and of the high tide of life in the Cleveland church.

On Monday and Tuesday forenoons a group of our ministers from the near-by towns met with Mr. Simons and Dr. Savage in the church study, for discussion of subjects of interest relating to the work in our churches, and to the thought problems which engage the minister's attention.

For the Association itself, one would have liked the power to be in at least three places at one time. Lacking that, it was necessary to choose all the addresses of a single department, or to follow a theme in its various presentations in different departments, in order to gain a sense of unity of subject or purpose. The writer of this paragraph was struck with the varied presentation in the different departments of the subject of moral instruction. The council presented the theme on Monday afternoon and evening with papers on "Systematic Moral Instruction" and on practical work with classes in ethical questions. The Department of Universities and Colleges gave attention to "The Moral History of a College Student." At a joint session of "The Home" and "The Public School" sections an entire session was given to "Experiments in Moral Education," with papers discussing the program and the method to be employed, while an effective way of utilizing moral crises as they occur in school life was shown from actual incidents of high school life. In another combination of departments the subject "Responsibility of the Church for Moral Education in the Sunday School" was presented by Dr. George A. Coe, of New York; while at two of the public evening sessions the climax of interest was reached in the themes relating to the moral life, in addresses by Dean Walter T. Sumner, of Chicago, on "The Double Standard of Morality," and by Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer, on "Training Youth for Civic Religion," which became, in her interpretation, the application of moral principles to all the affairs of life.

Our work received ample recognition. Our manuals, papers, bulletins, training-school programs and other publications found their place in the exhibit. The Social Service work of the Disciples School, described in Mrs. Beatley's Bulletin, was commented on by Dr. Coe of New York as the best in the United States so far as he knew. Our denomination led all others in the percentage of schools using the graded system of instruction. Our speakers were heard at many sessions: Dr. Dole and Mr. Simons in devotional services and Mrs. Spencer in an address at the large evening sessions; Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Simons, Mr. Dole, Dr. Starbuck and Mrs. Spencer in papers and discussions at the departmental conferences.

Publication Department

It will greatly facilitate the handling of the large number of tract orders which come in to headquarters if persons wishing literature will address the "Publication Department." Requests for literature or other information addressed to individuals in the building are treated as personal mail and sometimes go unanswered for several days during the absence of the persons addressed; whereas letters to any department are opened on arrival and attended to at once.

We also wish to recommend the use of the "Free Literature Order Blanks," which the Publication Department will gladly supply on request. Hereafter, one of these blanks will accompany each tract order sent out by the Department, and their use by those wishing tracts will obviate many of the difficulties with which we have to labor in solving correctly the great variety of forms which tract orders frequently take.

The latest work put forth by this department is a rather unique volume entitled "Twenty Years of Life," being a collection of 20 sermons preached in the Second Church, Boston, by Rev. Thomas Van Ness, one for each of the twenty years of his ministry there, from 1892-1912.

The volume thus becomes an excellent memento of the church when on Copley Square, Boston. As a frontispiece is printed an excellent reproduction of its historic pulpit. The sermons themselves immediately impress the reader with their frequent evidences of the preacher's enthusiasm for humanity. The style is lucid and incisive, and the messages to which these sermons give voice are brave, vigorous and suggestive. They show a fine power of elaboration and construction. Covering, as they do, a period of twenty years, they reflect the thought which obtained during the closing years of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth. Being selected by congregational vote, the sermons reveal the especial interests of their time by showing not simply what subjects were uppermost in the preacher's mind, but what topics received the general approval of his hearers. They are valuable, therefore, in a historical sense, aside from the spiritual messages which they convey.

Cloth; 12mo; $1.00 net; by mail, $1.10.

Department of Social and Public Service

The past month has been one of unusual activity in the Department. A number of the churches through their men's clubs or other organizations have been taking keen interest in the town tenement house law passed by the Massachusetts Legislature at its last session, and the Secretary has been frequently called upon to explain the law either at public meetings or at conferences at his office. In something like a dozen towns, through the efforts of the clubs or small groups of individuals, articles for the acceptance of the act have been placed in the town warrants. It is not to be expected that the attempt to secure the adoption of this law will be in every case successful, but the experiment is valuable as pointing out clearly a way in which the churches can make their influence count. Co-operation with different forms of governmental operation has only begun. A large field is opening for service of this kind, and it is to be hoped the churches will give it the attention it deserves.

Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer, of New York, was in Boston and vicinity during the first week in March, speaking before and counselling with the churches concerning their responsibility for service and the most practical ways in which they can fulfill their tasks. On this trip she addressed the first churches in Watertown, Leominster, Fitchburg and Waltham and the churches in Lowell, East Boston and Attleboro. Always her visits aroused enthusiasm and stimulated effort. Mrs. Spencer's experience has been so varied and extensive that she has been able in every case to point out distinct forms of service in which the church may profitably engage. It is to be hoped that she will be able to give us more time next year. Also, it seems likely that the Department may be able to organize a lecture staff which can be of assistance to the churches which are especially interested in social service work.

On Wednesday and Thursday, March 5th and 6th, there was held in Channing Hall under the auspices of the Department the second social service conference of the winter. As the one in December was devoted to the problems of city and suburban churches, the one recently held considered the problems of the country churches. The program was so arranged that each session was devoted to one subject and was complete in itself. An exceedingly good list of speakers was secured and the addresses were all interesting and of real practical value. At the first session on "Country Life and the Country Church," a sharp difference of opinion developed between Rev. J. W. Strout, who spoke on "The Rural Problem," and the Hon. C. M. Gardner, who discussed "The Latent Resources of the Country." Mr. Strout's outlook was less hopeful than Mr. Gardner's, but taken together the two papers probably gave a fair idea of the actual situation. The interest aroused at the first session continued throughout the remainder of the conference. Questions were numerous and discussion was limited only by the amount of time at disposal. The attendance was excellent and people were present from eastern Massachusetts, as was to be expected, Vermont, New Hampshire and far away Cape Cod. Since the conference there have been many expressions of appreciation, and the large attention given to the practical side of rural social service seems to have made it particularly valuable. One of the pleasantest features was the appearance on the program of Rev. Dr. Emrich, Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Rev. George Frederick Wells, Chairman of the Methodist Country Church Commission, and Rev. E. Tallmadge Root, Field Secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, indicating that when the subject under discussion is neighborly helpfulness we can all work harmoniously together. We look some time for a much larger conference in which many denominations may join to discuss practical forms of service.

The April number of the Social Service Bulletin is entitled "Prisoners' Work," by Dr. E. Stagg Whitin, Secretary of the National Committee on Prison Reform. Dr. Whitin has written about a subject of great and growing interest. The policy of contract labor for prisoners has been discredited, and to keep prisoners in confinement without employment is good for none of them and for most is a positive cruelty. The writer points out that the most enlightened opinion is demanding that prisoners shall be

usefully employed, and also shows how this can be done without interfering with the free labor outside. This Bulletin, like all the others, is for free distribution and may be had upon application.

Billings Lecturers

Rev. Alfred Manchester of Salem, Mass., who is visiting our Southern churches as lecturer on the Billings Foundation, representing the Association, reports having made successful visits at Charleston, S. C., Jacksonville and Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Edwin D. Starbuck, of the Department of Religious Education, has visited a number of our churches in the Central West.

Rev. L. Walter Mason, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., who started west the end of March on a short trip, is to visit our churches in Omaha, Nebraska, Sioux City, Des Moines, Iowa City and Davenport, Iowa.

The Board of Directors has appointed Rev. W. Copeland Bowie, Secretary of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, London, lecturer on the Billings Foundation to visit the Canadian churches. It has been hoped that Mr. Bowie would make this visit this spring but it now appears that his trip will have to be postponed until the fall. His expenses will be borne equally by the American Unitarian Association and the British and Foreign Unitarian Association.

Church Extension

Something over a year ago the New York League of Unitarian Women arranged for a few services to be held on the first Sunday of each month at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., the seat of Vassar College. The experiment proved so successful that last June a local committee, comprising both residents of the city and representatives of the college community, was appointed to arrange for services through the present season. Services were arranged for the first Sunday of each month from October to June inclusive, and in addition a number of evening services have also been held. The services have been attended by good congregations running from 35 to 60, and the experiment has proved to be a real success. The result has been the organization of the Unitarians in Poughkeepsie into a Unitarian Society, on March 14th. The new society hopes to make an arrangement with the Friends' Meeting of Poughkeepsie to use the quaint old meeting-house for its services, and is already planning enthusiastically for next year. It is a matter of real gratification that an organization has been so speedily effected, and the prospect for a strong and useful society at Poughkeepsie seems far brighter than the small beginning of a year ago would at all have indicated.

Department of Foreign Relations

The attention of the Secretary has been much occupied with the innumerable details connected with the Sixth International Congress of Religious Progress, as our French hosts prefer to call their gathering in Paris next July (16-22), and the excursions of American delegates which lead up to and follow it. The provisional program of the Paris meetings, in English, a handsome folio of eight pages with illustrative readings, has now appeared and is being sent to those interested. It contains a goodly array of imposing names and live topics. The motto of the Congress

is a line from Emerson, "The soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul." Among the topics to be discussed are, "Recent Signs of Religious Progress," "The Contributions of France to Religious Freedom and Progress," "Religion and Modern Philosophy," "Is a Universal Religion Desirable or Possible?" "The Social Ideals of Free and Progressive Christians," "The Ultimate Basis of Morals," "The Organization and Defense of Religious Liberty," "The Interrelations of Religious Liberals," "Universal Peace and International Brotherhood." The sermon, or sermons, before the Congress will be in three languages, French, German and English.

A long interval between the morning and afternoon sessions (from 12:30 to 4:30 p. m.) will give needed time for rest or sight-seeing. Part of Sunday, and all of Monday and Tuesday, will be devoted to excursions and festivities. Our French friends are very much in earnest with the local organization of the meetings. The French program is now in press. One feature we must not forget to mention is the woman's meeting (in English mainly) on Thursday afternoon, which will be in charge of the recently formed International Alliance of Liberal Christian Women.

Meanwhile the excursion of American delegates is making excellent headway. One hundred and twenty-five persons are actually enrolled. About forty places are still available for tourists. The list of members shows about sixteen clergymen, sixty residents of Boston and immediate vicinity, including twenty-one from the Unitarian church in Newton, Mass., eleven from our Indianapolis church, while our parishes in Providence, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cleveland, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, California, and Canada have also representatives in the party. The Unitarians of Liverpool and London are preparing to extend courtesies to these pilgrims when they shall arrive in those cities, and the American ministers will be invited to supply Unitarian pulpits and meet their British co-religionists. About fifty of the excursionists will, after the Congress, visit Germany, Switzerland and Italy, and sail for home from Naples on August 20th. Mr. Frank H. Burt of Newton will be in general charge of this section. Others will take shorter trips together in parties of twenty or twenty-five, now being formed, and visit Holland, the Rhine and Switzerland, as well as England and France. A particularly interesting trip will be that headed by Dr. C. W. Wendte to Brittany and the French Chateau country, which several of the pilgrims will extend to Spain, rejoining the larger company of tourists when the Naples steamer touches at Gibraltar to bring them home. Dr. F. A. Bisbee will probably head the Spanish contingent.

There has been some call recently for Italian liberal religious literature for distribution by our Post Office Mission workers. To meet this demand this Department has arranged with Rev. G. Conte of Italy for a supply of his Italian pamphlet review. Each number, besides articles and correspondence of interest to Italian speaking people, contains a longer essay or sermon bearing on Unitarian faith and purpose. The pamphlets are now on the way and will arrive very soon. The numbers we have ordered contain the following articles:

1. The Unitarians (Brooke Herford).

2. Infallibility of the Bible (Sunderland).

3. The God We Worship (Savage).

(Three Italian Reformers.)

4. Bernardo Ochino (Conte).

5. Socinus (Wendte).

6. Mazzini (Della Seta).

7. Mazzini's Religion (Crespi).

8. True Basis of Religious Unity (Wendte).

Also copies of "La Riforma Italiana," Mr. Conte's new magazine. Sample copies of these pamphlets will be sent free to applicants addressing the A. U. A. Should a number of them be desired by Post Office Mission workers for distribution they will also be supplied. The cost of the magazine is $1.20 a year, twelve numbers, postpaid. It should not be difficult to secure a goodly number of subscribers to it in this country.

Department of Comity and Fellowship

It is proposed to make a book of the nine addresses on "The Contributions of American Churches to Religious and Civil Liberty," delivered by Dr. W. E. Griffis, Walter Rauschenbusch, O. E. Fanney, Rabbi Enslow, Walter Mason, Dr. I. M. Atwood, E. D. Mead, and other prominent speakers representing many denominations at Rochester, N. Y., last January. The three admirable papers on "The true relations which should exist between orthodox and radical thinkers in religion," delivered by Revs. W. C. Gannett, A. W. Vernon and S. A. Eliot will also be printed as a tract.

News Notes

Eugene, Ore.—A full attendance of members and friends was present at the annual meeting of the Unitarian church of this city. In spite of the fact that the church is at present without a minister the activities of the society have not diminished. A small balance was shown upon the treasurer's account, and each department, including the Womens' Alliance, the Young People's Class, the Sunday School, and the "Busy Bees," reported substantial progress. The Rev. R. W. Borst, who is considering a call to the Eugene church, was present and gave an account of his past experiences and future hopes. Vocal and instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. Dempster and Mrs. Dugald Campbell.

Summit, N. J.—The Rev. Howard C. Ives, minister of All Souls' Church, has handed his resignation to the Board of Trustees, to take effect September 1st, Mr. Ives terminating his connection with the church on April 1st. He is to become Secretary to the American Board of Directors of the Apostolic College in Konia, Asia Minor. In the immediate future Mr. Ives will act as secretary to the Rev. A. H. Haigaziam, the president of the college, who is to visit this country in May.

The new church building in Summit is progressing rapidly, and promises to be a great addition to the architectural beauty of the city.

Berkeley, Cal.—On Thursday evening, March 6th, over one hundred members of the congregation and their friends enjoyed the birthday dinner and social evening provided by the Channing Club.

The minister's class is making a critical study of Bergson's Creative Evolution.

New York, N. Y.—At the board meeting of the Conference of the Middle States and Canada Rev. F. M. Bennett of Salt Lake City was elected Field Agent, to begin work on September 1, 1913. He is to work in co-operation with Rev. Leon A. Harvey, the Secretary of the Conference.

Erie, Pa.—Rev. Thomas P. Byrnes, having been denied membership in the Ministerial Association of the city, gave an address in one of the theatres recently before an audience of twelve hundred people. Mr. Byrnes, without attacking his opponents, gave a careful account of the action taken by the Association, and explained the fundamental basis of Unitarianism. Many men came who commented thoughtfully upon the address as they left the building.

Hood River, Ore.—A society of the Young People's Religious Union has been started in Hood River, Ore., under the leadership of Rev. H. A. MacDonald.

St. Louis, Mo.—It will be gratifying to the ministers of our body to learn that the Publication Department of the American Unitarian Association has voted to publish Dr. Dodson's volume, "Apropos of Bergson's Philosophy; An Essay in Constructive Thought." This volume has been highly spoken of by students of philosophy, and in its publication a great service is done for all thoughtful people who desire to know the essence of Bergsonian ethics.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. Lawrance, in his report of his recent visit to this city, writes as follows:

"New Orleans presented one series of glad surprises. The gatherings on Sunday, and, possibly more, the unity of interest and enthusiasm for minister and church expressed by scores of men and women, made the visit one to be treasured in my memory. New Orleans should be thought of among our fellowship as the home of a vigorous church, pastor and people, united in the bonds of a profound affection."

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Those who desire to see a clear and truthful reply to the groundless claim that Unitarianism is dying should read the little pamphlet published by the Women's Alliance of Dr. Mason's church, entitled "A Reply to the Groundless Claim, 'Unitarianism a Dying Church.'"

National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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Easter has brought rejoicing and gladness to the Alliance as well as to others. Alliance women see cause to rejoice and be glad for the increasing strength and up-springing of the liberal faith, fostered by their efforts. They rejoice in the wonderful success of the organization and the opportunities for helpfulness which they have been able to embrace. They rejoice in the more closely drawn bond of fellowship which makes the work each year more truly national. They are glad with the spring for what has been and what may be. This will find expresion at the retirement of the President and Recording Secretary next month. Though no longer in the foreground their love for the Alliance and deep interest in its work will never cease. In accord with the spirit of Easter, the Alliance, with full appreciation of past services, must look forward rather than backward, to the impulse of new and enthusiastic blood which is always needed for growth: for upon the firmly rooted and vigorous tree, planted, consecrated and nurtured by the devoted women of the Unitarian household, the springtime promise of bloom in usefulness, beauty and importance was never so apparent.

In answer to the request for photographs of churches for use in an Alliance lecture several good pictures of churches have been received, but few views of interiors or vestries or parlors. In sending the pictures the name of the church, town or city should be added, with some little account of the church and Alliance.

An effort is to be made to increase the circulation of the *Christian Register,* and Alliance members are urged to give assistance in this direction as far as possible. The *Register* is one of the foundation stones in the Unitarian fabric, and its care and preservation is of first importance.

At the meeting of the Executive Board March 14, twenty-four were present. The secretary being absent Mrs. Robbins was appointed secretary pro tem.

The Study Class committee reported two new lending papers "Religion in Law" and "The Problem of Drink."

The names of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Lane, Mrs. B. S. Wetherbee, Mrs. Daniel S. Emery have been placed "In Memoriam" by Channing Branch, Newton, Mass. Mrs. Ida B. Pearson by Stoneham Branch. Mrs. Elbridge G. Paull, Mrs. Hannah A. Webb by Fairhaven Branch.

One new Life member has been added this year, Mrs. Sydney B. Burleigh of Providence, R. I. Her name has been sent by the First Church branch of Providence, which has the pleasant custom of thus honoring its retiring president. This is a good suggestion for other branches.

The Southern Committee reported

satisfactory work in both circuits also at the Carolina Industrial School. Mrs. Peterson and Mr. Key attended the first Conference of Social Workers in the state of North Carolina held at Raleigh Feb. 11-12. Matters of vital interest to the welfare of the state were discussed, and the effect on the Legislature, then in session, was such that several important laws have already been enacted. Miss Low gave the proposed itinerary of her trip. She will leave New York for the South March 20, and reach Cleveland in time for the Board meeting April 11.

Mrs. Wells-Smith gave a vivid description of a trip she and Rev. Margaret B. Barnard have recently taken through the South. See letter in *Christian Register* for March 13.

Reports were received from Massachusetts branches. In the 160 branches there are many large, vigorous ones doing much efficient work, and in nearly all reports steady growth is noted. It is impossible to do more than mention the branches here.

South Congregational Church branch programs consist of lectures by ministers from allied churches, their subjects all relating to church matters and religious education. It has answered all national appeals. Arlington Street Church branch has many activities doing work, commensurate with its large membership and financial ability. King's Chapel branch also does much philanthropic as well as Alliance work. The Hand-i-cap Society sells useful and fancy articles made by cripples. First Church (Boston) branch has active Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter committees holding weekly meetings. Its financial help to all Alliance causes is gratifying. Second Church (Boston) branch keeps up its monthly meetings, although without a church home this winter. A neighborhood guest day was held in March with Miss Low as the guest of honor. Unity Circle continues the work formerly done at the Church of the Unity when Rev. Minot Savage was its minister. Nearly every member belongs to some other branch connected with a church. The Circle raises much money and disburses it generously for Alliance objects. New South, another branch not connected with a church, is energetic and enthusiastic in doing good Alliance work. Bulfinch Place branch continues its usual good work, both philanthropic and religious, and aids materially in church expenses. Church of the Disciples branch is doing work on lines familiar to other branches. At each meeting a study class is conducted by the President, and a discussion follows on topics of vital religious interest. The new branch at the Church of the Messiah is doing Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter work and much visiting among the poor is done.

The Benevolent Society of the First Parish, Dorchester, reports that good results are being felt from the union of the three women's organizations of the parish, which was brought about in October, 1911. The interest in the work is much increased. The Norfolk branch keeps denominational interest alive by regular readings from WORD AND WORK and reports four new members. Christ Church branch has made minor repairs on the church. Channing branch, full of enthusiasm, has given $200 to the church, and is reading "The Promised Land" at its meetings. The Elizabeth P. Channing branch does much charitable sewing, and reports that the necessary funds have been raised by the pledge system. The Jamaica Plain branch rejoices in

the largest membership in its history, 174, with an attendance of over one hundred at the monthly meetings. Great interest is felt in the Southern work in this, Mrs. Peterson's home branch. The Neponset branch has a pleasant custom of sending a delegate to the neighboring fairs with a dollar to spend. All Souls', Roxbury, has reached the maximum membership with 112 national members. They have enjoyed a series of talks on Constructive Ethics by the minister. The Brighton branch has inspiring study class, before which Rev. Palfrey Perkins has been giving a series of talks on the Bible. The West Roxbury branch reports gains in many directions with increased membership. Again this year the branch was invited to join with the women of the other churches in town in holding a series of Lenten missionary services.

Arlington has increased its membership to 102 and has a wide variety of interests. Post Office Mission is especially active. Has given $350 toward church expenses, besides the Southern work and other national appeals. Belmont holds two meetings each month, one an all-day sewing meeting, which is well attended. Each year the minister writes a special paper for the branch. An Alliance member is always in the vestibule of the church to welcome strangers. They are working energetically for a parish house. Concord has enjoyed papers by a number of ministers, and also a talk by Mrs. C. U. Gilson, on "Articles of Alliance Faith." Has raised $400 by various entertainments, and responded to twenty-three requests for fairs. Framingham has been busy and has enjoyed fine papers by home talent. Mrs. Hodder of the Sherborn Reformatory and Mrs. Root of Winchester have also spoken on Social Service. Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter Committees are active. Unity Church, Natick, has successfully raised money through Committees of Ten, each to earn fifty dollars, and appropriated $500 to the church. Mite boxes brought in $138. The program is "Hymns of Our Faith and Their Authors." Eliot branch, South Natick, has one meeting a month, with a speaker. Has two sewing meetings a month, and one all-day meeting in the year to sew for the local hospital. Has a committee for visiting the sick and shut-ins. The Secretary has been sent to all the monthly meetings at 25 Beacon Street. The branch pays for one vesper service besides giving money to the church. The Waltham branch has eighty members. Has printed a new set of by-laws, and also taken charge of the church *Calendar*. The Post Office Mission Committee has printed four of Dr. MacCarthy's sermons. The Cheerful Letter Committee has twenty-one correspondents in eight states. One has been on the list for sixteen years. The committee owns a wheeled chair, which has been loaned to four different persons the past year. A Social Service Committee appointed by the Alliance has engaged a trained worker. The branch has given $700 to the church and something to the national appeals. The average attendance of the Weston branch has been twenty-one. The Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter work has been faithfully carried on. Mrs. Alma Faunce Smith has spoken on "Alliance Appeals." The branch has been studying "Forty Questions." Has given to the national appeals and local objects.

In the Wellesley Hills branch the meetings have been devoted to social service subjects. The Post Office Mission has distributed tracts from

the rack at the Chestnut Hill trolley station. The Cheerful Letter is also active. The College Committee prepared and sent a circular containing information concerning the church and services to the college girls. A reception and tea was given by the committee for the girls at the parsonage. The past year has been a prosperous one for the Winchester branch, and shows an increase of twenty-five members over last year, when it rose from sixty to 191 members. Meetings have been held twice each month. The luncheons served on Alliance days have been very popular. Two hundred dollars was given for church repairs, and another two hundred to national appeals. The phenomenal growth and strength of the Winchester branch has attracted widespread attention. The Woburn branch has had papers on "The Alliance and the Religious Life" and "How Can Women Best Promote the Interests of the Church?" Through the efforts of a special committee, appointed for the purpose, the membership has increased to one hundred and twenty-nine.

Sherborn has an active Post Office Mission Committee. Has given $155 to the parish, and $85 to committees, besides raising money for electric lighting. Has thirty-six members. Regular meetings have been held in Bedford, with speakers from outside. The program included two speakers on Alliance work, and the other six subjects were literary or religious. One meeting was a neighborhood meeting and at another the women of the Orthodox Congregational Church were guests. The Sudbury Alliance has held its meetings each month, with no unusual happenings. The Wayland branch is small, but during the year has had nine interesting meetings. The Waverley branch has developed a program on "Character Building," with papers by members, a suggestion from the West Newton branch. Three meetings were held in the evening to accommodate those who were unable to attend in the daytime. A Dutch Fair was held in December, which netted over $400. Billerica held a fair in October which netted $221, which was given to the parish. The Post Office Mission Committee is doing good work and has sent a box to Texas and one to Isles of Shoals. The branch answers requests for fairs, and has sent five dollars to the Southern Circuit. The program at Lexington is an excellent one. The Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter Committees are doing energetic work with encouraging results. All requests for fairs have been answered, and contributions made to all national appeals.

Attleboro sends an excellent report. Has raised over $1,200, but the most of it goes to the home church. "Last spring we voted to contribute $1 to each of the appeals which come to us through the National Alliance, and I hope at some future time we shall be able to do more missionary work." Norton has answered all the appeals and all requests for fairs. It is working to secure a parsonage. It held a meeting for the elderly people of the town, issuing 83 invitations to people over 70 years. This branch is ready to extend a welcome to the girls at Wheaton College as opportunity is offered. Taunton has a large attendance at its meetings and fine programs. It has again bought a mileage book for the Sunday-school kindergarten's use in coming to Tuckerman School lectures. Fall River has had speakers all from the Alliance or parish. It has again had a public lecture course that was highly successful. The Alliance presented to the church a memorial tablet to the min-

isters who have served this parish. A party was given for the Edward Everett Hale parish house and $35.50 was forwarded to Washington. An illuminated testimonial was given to Mrs. Morton on her retirement from office, signed by every member of the Alliance. "The Modern Idea in the Sunday School" was presented by Mrs. E. M. Barney at Fairhaven, and officers of neighboring Sunday schools were invited. A Junior Alliance has just been formed.

New Bedford has 152 members, all national. The Sewing Circle has become the Benevolent Committee of the Alliance, raising its own money, and holding two meetings each month in addition to the Alliance meeting. This year the church has been opened to visitors on week-day afternoons, also Sunday afternoons during July and August. Nearly 1,400 people have been admitted. This means a caretaker, for whose salary the Alliance made itself responsible. Vineyard Haven reports a good year, two successful fairs. At the opening of the meeting Our Faith is repeated and sometimes the names of the national officers are given. Nantucket has had well-attended meetings of a social nature in summer when so many visitors are present. The November meeting was devoted to a study of the Manual. The Eastondale branch has had ministers address its meetings, and members have read papers. A good attendance at Sunday school is reported. "The Alliance has always had the Sunday school as a part of its work." North Easton reports unusually good attendance at its meetings, which are now held in the chapel of the beautiful church. This branch has contributed to the Edward Everett Hale Fund in addition to all the appeals.

The Revere branch is working bravely, as usual, to keep alive the church. The men of the church have formed a club called the Cheever Club, named for the first minister. This item belongs in an Alliance report, because this organization is planning to hold monthly meetings and to assist the Alliance in raising money for the church. This year the branch has suffered a great loss in the death of its secretary, Miss Grace Hart. The Winthrop branch has felt the necessity of working almost wholly for its own church, during the past year. All-day meetings have been held almost every week, at which much sewing is done for the necessary fairs and sales. There has been one program afternoon a month, devoted to speakers. The East Boston branch is enlarging its work, and reaching out towards all the interests of the National Alliance. It is still mindful of the early purpose of its sewing society, and has paid into its church treasury $893.50. It is, however, not unmindful of its new Alliance duties. Contributed $25 to Green Harbor. The South Boston branch has held meetings, with outside speakers. The work of the branch has been going on in its customary, well-ordered way. The meetings of the Chelsea branch are held in different towns and cities, since the death of its loyal president. One member always attends the meetings at 25 Beacon Street, and the New England Associate Alliance, so that the branch keeps in touch with National Alliance interests.

Haverhill reports regular meetings. Average attendance fifteen. It has a study class, which has taken up "The History of Unitarianism in New England." Extra meetings have been held to sew for one of the local hospitals. Lawrence reports six meetings with speakers, and one extra

meeting addressed by its director. Lynn reports sixty guests present at its November meeting. All the Essex County branches had been invited for the day. Eight appeals answered. Post Office Mission doing active work. Newburyport has answered four appeals, and has given $10 to the Mission Sunday school (Unitarian) of Newburyport. Sends a delegate to the New England Associate Alliance meetings. North Andover has held seven meetings, with an average attendance of twenty-nine. Pledged $5 to Southern Circuit for five years, and is raising money to diminish the debt on the vestry.

Brookline First Parish branch secures enough from its membership fees to meet its needs and the calls of the National Alliance. Has a flourishing Junior Alliance. Brookline Second Church has an increased membership and an encouraging outlook. Dedham does good Post Office Mission work, and the Junior Alliance conducts the Cheerful Letter Exchange. The Dover branch has increased its membership by sending personal notes to other women in the parish. The membership of the Scituate branch has also increased. It has raised money to pay for a barge to take people to church, two miles distant, and the Sunday-school children are carried free. Westwood is supporting a summer camp for convalescent children. They give generously to Southern Circuit and appeals. Hingham branch includes women from the three churches. It does only national work. In Needham the branch has united with the Ladies' Aid Society, which has proved advantageous.

The Deerfield branch has had a successful year under the able leadership of the new president. The Greenfield branch has a membership of about seventy, all national. A union meeting was held with women from all churches in town, including the Roman Catholic, with short papers on "Five Typical Men in the History of Each Denomination." The Junior Alliance rents a pew in church for the use of strangers.

The reports of Massachusetts branches will be continued in the May number of WORD AND WORK.

We are glad to welcome a new branch at White Plains, N. Y. The secretary is Mrs. James A. Fairley, 68 Fisher Ave., White Plains, N. Y.

The new Recording Secretary of the Melrose, Mass., branch is Mrs. E. S. Jack, 55 West Emerson Street.

The next annual fair of Grace Chapel Alliance, Green Harbor, Mass., will be held Wednesday and Thursday, August 6 and 7. Contributions received will be thankfully acknowledged by the secretary, Mrs. Lizzie M. Peterson.

Appeals stand thus:

Farmington, Maine for a Parsonage	$233 00
Montego Bay, Jamaica, for a church	238 00
Memphis, Tenn., for repairs and furnishings	216 00
Ridgewood, N. J., for a Parsonage	171 00
Summit, N. J., for a church	251 00
Winnisquam, N. H., for a church	54 00
Flushing, R. I., furnishings	258 00
Ann Arbor, Mich., for Parish House	273 00

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 11.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters; Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

REV. DUDLEY HAYS FERRELL, *President*

Miss GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary* Mr. O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Treasurer*

Director's Monthly Meeting

The eighth regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1912-1913 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, March 11, 1913, at half past two.

In the absence of the president at this time, the treasurer, Mr. McMurdie, presided and continued to preside throughout the meeting, even after the coming in of the president. There were present: Mr. Beatley, Miss Cline, Mr. Ferrell, Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Newman and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

The treasurer read his report from January 1 to March 1. This was supplemented by a verbal report of the present financial condition.

VOTED: That the treasurer's report be accepted.

The secretary's report for the month of February was read.

VOTED: That it be accepted.

Mr. McMurdie, for the Finance Committee, reported that the January letter went out and contributions are beginning to come in as they do usually about this time of year.

As the Committee on a Chairman for the Fair had nothing definite to report at this time, it was suggested that a letter be sent to the unions, letting them know there is to be a fair and bespeaking their help and hearty co-operation as usual; work can go on without a chairman for a short time, but it would be appreciated if each union would state on what table it preferred to help. Accordingly, it was

VOTED: That the secretary write letters to the unions, asking their co-operation in the fair next fall.

VOTED: That the same committee be continued.

The secretary reported having received an invitation for the Young People's Religious Union to take charge of a day at the Shoals Summer Meetings, on Wednesday, July 9, 1913.

VOTED: That the secretary write Mr. Perkins, signifying our intention of having a day reserved for us at the Shoals Meetings, and that the secretary be a committee of one to secure a speaker or speakers at her discretion.

Many names of possible speakers were suggested for the forenoon meeting. It seemed to be the general opinion that the delegate meeting, usually held at noon, be omitted this year.

The Committee on the Annual Meeting reported.

Letters of much interest were read by the secretary.

As there was no further business,

VOTED: To adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary.*

South Middlesex Federation

The second annual mid-winter meeting of the South Middlesex Federation was held in the vestry of the First Parish, Cambridge, Mass., Friday, March 7, at six o'clock.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel M. Crothers received in the parish parlors until

6:30, when one hundred and twenty-seven people, representing fourteen unions in the federation, sat down to dinner. Mr. Frederick M. Eliot, the president of the federation, presided.

Dr. Crothers gave a very interesting talk upon the loyalty of the young people to the church. He especially urged the young people to work together and become acquainted with the interests of their local churches.

The president then called upon Mr. Harry Hooper of the Boston Federation, Mr. F. Stanley Howe of Cambridge, Miss Edith Melvin of Concord and Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., the president of the American Unitarian Association.

"The New Minister," a musical comedy, was then presented by the Martineau League of West Somerville to an appreciative audience. Informal dancing followed until 10:30, music being furnished by members of the First Parish Sunday School.

The experiment was tried this year of soliciting from the various unions subscriptions towards the general expenses of this social meeting. In this way we were able to put before the members an ample dinner at cost, while the many other expenses of the meeting were covered by the gifts.

The committee recommends this method and wishes to thank all the unions, and especially the Junior Committee of the First Parish, Cambridge, for their generosity and assistance in making the meeting a success.

EDWINA H. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

Pilgrim Federation

The regular meeting of the Pilgrim Federation was held at North Easton, Monday evening, March 17, 1913. Rev. E. B. Maglathlin, president of the federation, opened the meeting, introducing Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, who spoke on the work the young people as a body are trying to do, of numerous societies affiliated with the Union, and told in a general way what use is made of funds sent by local societies to the Young People's Religious Union. He spoke also of work being done in college towns by volunteer helpers and the great need of paid helpers, in many branches of work assuring better results.

Mr. Foote urged us to be loyal to the ideals of liberty and truth, as it has cost many a sacrifice to gain the religious liberty we now enjoy.

At the close of the address Miss Helen I. Keith of North Easton Guild led the devotional exercises and a welcome was extended to all present. Mr. Maglathlin then responded and conducted the business meeting.

The report of the last meeting was read and approved; following the roll call, the collection was taken, during which time Rev. William L. Chaffin of North Easton told an interesting story illustrating the difference between an offering and a collection which was much appreciated.

An earnest worker, who was unable to be present owing to a long illness, was remembered, and all joined in wishing him a speedy recovery. The president then spoke of our obligations to all, the whole universe teaching us of the Everlasting. All have a personal work to do for others; ours is a God of Love. What a privilege it is to worship in a Unitarian Church, it being a worship of happiness and beauty! All who attend these meetings must go home helped, knowing that God is with us.

The meeting adjourned until June, when the next gathering will be held in West Bridgewater, the exact date to be determined later.

A social hour was then enjoyed, refreshments being served by the North Easton Guild.

HATTIE E. CARY, *Secretary.*

Boston Federation

The annual entertainment of the Boston Federation, "The Fly-Away Princess," which was reported last month as having been held in Whitney Hall, Brookline, Mass., has since received much favorable comment, being altogether the best that the federation has ever undertaken. The affair was well advertised, capitally presented and has netted the federation between one hundred seventy-five and two hundred dollars.

The annual meeting of the federation will be held in Wollaston, Mass., on Sunday, April 27, with afternoon and evening sessions, as is customary.

Contributions

There remains but the one month in which to send contributions for the year, the books of the treasurer closing promptly on *April* 30, 1913. So if your union has not sent in its yearly dues, please urge the importance of a contribution's being sent at once to the treasurer, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Money will, of course, be received after that time, but will have to be credited to the next season, that of 1913-1914.

Kindly give this matter a little thought and then let us hear from you.

Life Memberships

One additional name has been added to the Life Membership list the past month—that of Miss Fanny S. Lakeman of Salem, Mass. This makes our present membership 207.

The Fair

The next biennial fair of the Young People's Religious Union will be held some time next fall. Thus far no chairman has been selected, but meanwhile work can be commenced and go on for a time without an acting chairman. It is hoped that all our former friends and well-wishers will come forward with offers of help and cooperation.

Letters have been sent to the unions and young people's societies, soliciting their continued interest and assistance; and we shall be glad to find the responses to these communications prompt and enthusiastic.

Anyone, wishing to take charge of a table or to help in any way, will confer a favor by writing to the secretary of the Y. P. R. U. at 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., notifying her of the same. Now is the time for suggestions.

If you have had a fair in your local church, some feature may have proved very novel and attractive and well worth repeating next fall. Let us know about it, please; the sooner the better.

The Fancy Table has already been spoken for and we await other reservations. Let us put all the energy and spontaneity possible into the eighth biennial bazaar. Who will volunteer?

Nominations

The Constitution of our Union provides that each local society may suggest names for the nominations to be made at the annual meeting, for the general officers for the ensuing year, by sending them to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee on or before April 1.

This is a privilege and duty that every branch of the Union should be glad to accept and undertake. Please talk this matter over at your next meeting and let us know of your recommendations. By such means only can the Nominating Committee present a thoroughly representative and democratic list of candidates.

The positions to be filled are those of

President,

Vice-Presidents (six or more, representing different sections of the country),

Secretary,

Treasurer,

15 Directors, as follows:

One from California.

One from Canada.

One from Maine.

One from New Hampshire.

One from New York.

One from Pennsylvania.

One from Vermont.

Eight from Massachusetts.

Every state, having one hundred members or more in local societies, is entitled to a Director on the Board.

All communications should be addressed to

REV. PALFREY PERKINS,
18 Sutherland Road,
Brighton, Mass.,
Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Seventeenth Annual Meeting

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union will be held in the South Congregational Church, corner Exeter and Newbury Streets, Boston, Mass., on Thursday, May 22, of Anniversary Week. The afternoon session, commencing at two o'clock, will be given over to reports, matters of policy and business; the evening session at 7:30 o'clock will be held in the church auditorium, and will be open to the public as usual.

A choir of young people from the Boston Federation, under the personal direction of Mr. William Weston, a Quincy organist, will have charge of the musical part of the evening's program and there will be two speakers. Due notice will be given the secretaries of the unions in the call for the meeting some weeks hence.

Delegates may be selected now before the members separate for the season; each society, in good standing, that is, with dues paid for the year, is entitled to three voting delegates. Other than three representatives from one place may attend and will be welcome, although only three are privileged to vote. There seems to be some misapprehension about this detail every year. We are glad to have large groups from any one place; in fact, no restriction is placed on a whole society's attending in a body.

Following the usual custom, the Boston Federation will offer entertainment for Thursday night to delegates from the unions unable to return home; and notice to this effect will reach the unions in due time, through the courtesy of the Hospitality Committee of the federation. Replies to this communication should be attended to promptly in order to facilitate the work of our hospitable Boston friends, who cannot be complimented too highly for this generosity repeated year after year.

Summer Meetings

Wednesday, July 9, 1913, is to be Young People's Day at the Isles of Shoals Summer Meetings, and the committee in charge of securing speakers is already at work, the names to be announced when the program is more nearly completed. It is hoped that some of our young people will save this date and plan to attend the meeting.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Edward Cummings, *President*, Cambridge, Mass.
Mrs. Frank L. Young, *Vice President*.
Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, *Secretary*, Wayland, Mass.
Charles H. Stearns, *Treasurer*, Brookline, Mass.

Poster Campaign Against Liquor

At the last meeting of the Directors of the Unitarian Temperance Society, a very interesting proposition was brought to their attention, namely, a Poster Campaign against liquor, and the co-operation of the Society was invited and urged. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Tilton was the speaker, representing a committee, of which Dr. Charles P. Putnam and Dr. John W. Elliott are the other members.

This committee, acting under a larger committee of physicians and social workers appointed by the Boston Associated Charities, has been preparing posters, each to give a few facts, with some striking heading, like "Think This Over." In fact the committee has already come to be known as the "Think It Over Committee." The first poster reads as follows: "Think This Over! Drink causes one-fifth of our Insanity, one-fourth of our Poverty, one-half of our Crime. And *You* Pay the Bill. Is this Good Business?"

The posters measure about fourteen inches by twenty, but small ones about the size of a special delivery stamp are being printed also, to be used on special poster days by organized groups of boys in towns. A circular is being issued, calling for volunteers to place the large posters in shops, clubs, churches, or other conspicuous places. From this circular we quote the following:

"Something can be done; but nothing can be done till the people know the facts. 'An enemy known is an enemy slain.' Will you help us to place a Poster in your town, your shop, your church, your club? Come and see us, or let us send a speaker to you. Will you have a Poster Day when, under grown-up leadership, the boys of your town will post 2,000 of the tiny posters, no bigger than a stamp? Remember, we are entering upon a Campaign of Education because we believe in the patriotism and good sense of the People of Massachusetts. Help us to get the facts to the people." Signed by Elizabeth H. Tilton, 11 Mason St., Cambridge; Charles P. Putnam, M. D., John W. Elliot, M. D.

An appeal has been sent out to our churches for new members and subscribers. The committee would like to have the names of two or three persons, in every parish, who are interested in Temperance and to whom the Society may look for support. Such a constituency would be of great value not only financially but morally. The membership fee is one dollar a year, but the membership itself counts for much more. Will not our ministers help by sending us the names of the "two or three"? And will not our own members everywhere and others interested send subscriptions and also new names?

The Annual Meeting will be held as usual at King's Chapel, on Thursday, May 22, at 3 p. m. It is proposed to make the Poster Campaign a special feature.

C. R. E.

Important Appeal

We are confronted as churches and individuals with a situation in the Middle West which is unprecedented in the annals of calamity. The American Unitarian Association through its officers, believing that the Unitarians of the country will approve their action, have already commissioned Rev. Minot Simons of Cleveland, Rev. George E. MacIlwain of Toledo, and the Rev. Charles Graves of Albany to go immediately to Dayton to assist the Rev. Troward H. Marshall, the minister of the Unitarian church in Dayton, in the work of relief.

Our experience at the time of the San Francisco earthquake proved conclusively that such assistance as can be rendered through our churches and especially those of the household of our faith, was urgently needed where other assistance was impossible.

This appeal is not intended in any way to conflict with the channels of general philanthropy, such as the Red Cross Society, but to supplement their work among those who are closely related to us by ties of religious sympathy.

We believe that we can count on the cooperation of those who appreciate the necessity of prompt action along lines of Christian effort. We anxiously desire to raise immediately twenty-five thousand dollars, and to this end appeal to every individual whose attention is called to this notice. Send your contribution to Henry M. Williams, Treasurer, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

Trusting that this appeal will receive your generous attention, we remain

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL A. ELIOT, *President.*

LEWIS G. WILSON, *Secretary.*

HENRY M. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

5 TOURS TO EUROPE

in connection with the

World-Congress of Free Christianity and Religious Progress at Paris, July 16-22, 1913

Steamship **Teutonic**, from Montreal, June 28, 1913

Tour One. England, Scotland, France, Belgium.

June 28 by the "Teutonic," 10,000 tons, only Seven Days (but four days on the open ocean) from Montreal to Liverpool. Thence to English Lake District, Robert Burns's country, Glasgow, the Trossachs, Lochs Katrine and Lomond, Edinburgh, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, London, Dover-Calais to Paris (one week's stay,) Brussels, Antwerp. Sail by Red Star Steamer for Boston, arriving August 5. (This tour can be extended, at option, by any member of the party).

These tours include fares on steamships and railroads, accommodations at first-class hotels, free transfers of passengers and their luggage, liberal amount of carriage drives and local excursions, all necessary fees to servants, porters, etc., and the services of competent conductors from Liverpool on until arrival at the steamship dock in Antwerp. Also a full membership in the Congress, a copy of the printed report of its proceedings, and participation in its banquet and various congress excursions and courtesies.

Cost, 39 days' tour $275

34 days' tour per "Arabic" . . . $265

Tour Two. England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Holland, the Rhine, Belgium.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route as per Tour One to Paris. Thence to Geneva, Chillon, Interlaken, Lauterbrunnen, Wengern Alp, Grindelwald, Brienz, Brünig Pass, Lucerne, Rhigi, Bâle, Heidelberg, Mayence, the Rhine to Cologne, Amsterdam, Isle of Marken, Hague, Scheveningen, Brussels, Antwerp. Red Star steamship, arriving in Boston August 17.

Cost, 51 days, all included $400

Tour Three. England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland, the Rhine, Switzerland, Italy.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal, June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route as per Tour One to Paris. Thence to Brussels, Antwerp, The Hague, Amsterdam, Scheveningen, Isle of Marken, Cologne, the Rhine to Mayence, Heidelberg, Basle, Berne, Interlaken, Lauterbrunnen, and Grindelwald, Meiringen, Brunig Pass, Lucerne, Rhigi, via St. Gotthard Tunnel to Lugano, Bellagio, Como, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Pompeii, White Star steamship ($90 berth included) to Boston, via the Azores, arriving in Boston September 1.

Cost, 65 days, all included $540

Steamship **Arabic**, from Boston, July 1, 1913

Tour Four. England, Scotland, Paris, Brittany and the French Château District.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal, June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route same as Tour One to Paris. From Paris to Rouen, Normandy. Thence tour in Brittany, Caen, Avranches, Pontorson, Monte-St.-Michel, Brest, Quimper, Auray, (Carnac), Nantes, Angers, Tours, and the Château country of France; motor excursion to Chenonceaux, Chambord, Blois, etc.; Orleans, Paris, Brussels, Antwerp. Red Star liner for Boston, arriving August 17.

Cost, 51 days, all included $400

Tour Five. Brittany, Touraine, Pyrenees, Spain.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal, June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route same as Tour Four to Blois (August 4). Thence to Bordeaux, Pau in the Pyrenees, Lourdes, Biarritz, Burgos, Madrid, Escorial, Toledo, Cordova, Seville, Granada, Alhambra, Gibraltar, sailing by Cunard or North German Lloyd steamer ($90 passage included), arriving in New York August 30.

Cost, 63 days, all included $580

For full particulars of these trips apply for detailed circular of 12 pages. Applications for information or membership in the party may be made to **Rev. Charles W. Wendte, D. D., General Secretary of the International Meetings at Paris, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.**

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